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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, BE
SUBJECT: BELGIAN DEEP SEABED MINING ACTIVITY

REF: A) STATE 98630, B) 76 BRUSSELS A-63

1. OFFICIAL WITH UNION MINIERE CONFIRMS THAT SHIP LEASED BY OCEAN
MINING ASSOCIATES IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN TEST EXTRACTION OF MANGANES

NODULES OFF CALIFORNIA COAST IN PACIFIC. TESTS WILL CONTINUE FOR
ABOUT TWO MORE MONTHS. THESE ARE STRICTLY TRIALS TO TEST SEVERAL
PROCESSES FOR EXTRACTION. SHIP IN QUESTION IS LEASED UNTIL MID 1979.
COMMERCIAL EXTRACTION IS SEVERAL YEARS AWAY.

2. THIS ACCOUNT JIBES WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY UNION MINIERE FOR
FIRST HALF OF 1977 WHICH CONTAINED FOLLOWING (FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS):

"THE OCEAN MINING ASSOCIATES CONSORTIUM HAS UNDERTAKEN IN THE HIGH
SEAS OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST A SERIES OF TESTS DURING WHICH DIFFER-
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ENT PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WERE PERFECTED. THE MINING SHIP WILL SHORTLY
ATTEMPT SOME TRIAL COLLECTIONS OF NODULES AT A GREAT DEPTH ON A SITE
CHOSED IN THE PACIFIC WITH A VIEW TO INDUSTRIAL EXPLOITATION."
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